

NEW HOPE PRESS

JANUARY 2016

The New Year at New Hope

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 10th ~ Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons
Sunday, January 24th ~ 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting



On January 10th, our new Elders and Deacons will be ordained and/or installed to their respective offices and our Elders will begin the work of leading particular ministries of the church, even as together they govern the life of the whole church.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



January always brings with it something of a fresh start. At the end of the year we look back on all that has happened and we take stock of our lives. At the beginning of a new year we look forward to all we expect to encounter and all we hope to accomplish. Many people make

New Years' resolutions to do this or that, quit bad habits or try to become better disciplined in one way or another. Whatever that might mean for you, I wish you well.

You may know that at the end of most services of worship I pronounce a "Blessing & Charge." The "charge" often goes something like this: "Go in peace, each of you to your own ministries." Upon leaving worship not long ago, one of you asked me what I mean by "ministry," as in, "... each to your own ministries." I explained that "ministry" simply means "service." As Presbyterians, we believe in the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers and part of what that means is that our baptism is our ordination to the Christian life, which involves service (ministry) to others in God's name. Each of us is born with particular gifts and skills to offer the world. These are given to us by God to be used as a part of our discipleship, our following after Jesus who shows us how to live and how to love. In this sense we are all "priests" serving others in God's name. As the Apostle Peter tells us in his first letter, "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The exact nature of our service may well change from time to time depending upon where we find ourselves and what the particular need is, but make no mistake about it, as Christians, we are all called to ministry. Loving God and neighbor is a full-time job. It is our calling, our vocation.

My hope and prayer for you in this new year is that you might reflect more deeply upon just how God is calling you to use your gifts and skills to make God's love real for all people. In other words, I encourage you to discover and

claim your own ministry in 2013. If you would like to talk more about this, I would welcome hearing from you.

While baptism ordains us all to the ministry of loving God and neighbor, it also provides for some within the church to be called to the specific ministries of service as ruling elders, teaching elders (pastors) or deacons. I am excited about a new class of ruling elders and deacons that will begin their service upon their ordination and/or installation at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 10, 2016. I am grateful for the following who have answered the call to service as ruling elders and deacons in and for the church. On the Session (Elders): Sam Connor (youth, one-year term), Bryan Eikmann, Kathy Gibbs (reelected to serve another term), Cindy Martin, Del Phillips, and Rick Waldo. On the Diaconate (Deacons): Mark Besselman, Kelley Hurrell, Bill Irvine, Martha Lamey, and Chris Truett. These new church leaders bring with them a wealth of experience in the life of the church as well as a deep commitment to the spiritual life of the church!

With that, there are some currently serving elders and deacons who will be ending their terms of service. Those ruling elders ending their term of service are: Deb Garten, Kathy Gibbs, and Michael Ray. These elders have served New Hope and the larger church well and their leadership has steered New Hope through some significant changes in our life together. Those deacons ending their term of service are: Jerry Dyer, Jackie Etling, Bill Judd, Kristen Moore, and Jim Phillips. These deacons have consistently extended the hospitality of Christ and nurtured those in need in our church community. I am grateful for their faithful service and New Hope is blessed for their leadership.

As we embark on this new year together, may we all resolve to identify particular ways to minister in our community in Christ's name.

Faithfully,

Chris

Movie Night

Family

6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 15th

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

MOVIE NIGHT



Fun for the whole family!

"Remember the Titans"!

Popcorn ~ Soda ~ Candy

Bring a hat, scarf or gloves for admittance

Children's Movie in Lower Level

Strategic Planning

THE JOURNEY

"We all live in the hope and expectation that God is active among us and that at any moment, through the gift of one another and our shared lives, we will have the joy of knowing God revealed to us. We live in this hope and the hope does not disappoint us." --Paul E. Hoffman

The Journey begins January 10...Come & See!Contact Linda Dencker, Ruth Irvine or Terry Martinez.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS

Our "sacred conversations on race" are turning from discussion to action. At its December meeting the Session approved the preliminary plan of the Sacred Conversations on Race team to partner with a racial-ethnic congregation in St. Charles County in an effort to encourage fellowship and engage in ministry together. To that end, the Team plans to host or be a part of at least two separate events with a racial-ethnic congregation within the first six months of 2016. Look for more information to come about how you might help in our efforts to bridge the gap.

Presbyterian Women

Mark your calendar for noon on January 16. Ann Hazelwood, renowned author and authority on quilts and quilting, will be our guest speaker. Invite friends and neighbors to a fabulous program, One Hundred Years of Quilts. Each guest will have an opportunity to participate in the program. Right now, we need you to think about contributing small quilted items to include in a raffle that will be part of the program. So, as you are making place-mats, a table runner, crib quilt, tote bag, lap quilt, book cover...you get the idea... as a Christmas gift, make a second one to raffle. Contact Mary Powers at marystahr@charter.net or 636-978-1135.

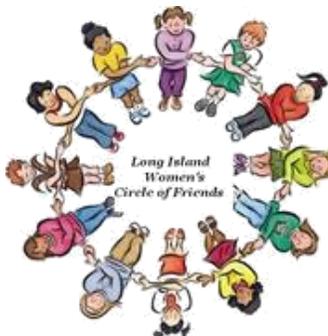


PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, several ladies from our New Hope PW attended the Presbyterian Women-Giddings-Lovejoy (PW-GL) Fall Gathering in Belleville, IL. They participated in a workshop titled "The Santi-Panti Project." The Santi -Panti Project makes simple sanitary pads that promote good hygiene for young girls in Africa. Members of New Hope Church can help with this valuable project in three ways:

- Sew Santi-Panti pads; kits, created by New Hope Presbyterian Women, which include necessary fabric and directions, will be supplied.
- Donate girls' colored (not white) panties to use with the pads—please place donations in the labeled container on the right side of the narthex.
- Donate money to New Hope Presbyterian Women to send the finished project materials to the Michigan coordinator for "Little Dresses for Africa." Leave cash or check with Laurie in the church office. All checks should be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with 'Santi-Panti Project' on the memo line.
- Contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142 for further information and ways to help!

Women's Circles



Jubilee Circle is meeting on Thursday, January 7th in the Conference Room at 10:00 am. Child care is provided!

Agape Circle is meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Joy Circle is meeting at church, in the Conference Room, on Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.



<i>January Anniversaries</i>	
Russell & Sue Dittmar	01/11/1992
Ronald & Theresa Edwards	01/18/1980
James & Sue White	01/20/1968
Edward & Julie Nowakowski	01/25/1992

<i>January Birthdays</i>			
Ben Griffith	01/01	James Finks	01/17
Kay McCarthy	01/01	James Salter	01/17
Michael Taylor	01/01	Sam Connor	01/18
Del Phillips	01/02	Roberta Looman	01/18
Debbie Karsten	01/04	Fern Stewart	01/19
Katherine Groat	01/07	J. Emmett Kelewae	01/23
Grace Harmon	01/07	Donna Huffman	01/25
Paige Schrautemeier	01/07	Ed Snyder	01/25
Terry Martinez	01/08	Dannika Ward	01/27
Adam Huffman	01/09	Arlene Lynch	01/28
Mary Murphy	01/10	Joann Stewart	01/28
Kristen Moore	01/11	Kaitlin Isbell	01/30
Chris Griffith	01/12	James White	01/30
Marianne Thiel	01/12		
Jim Pettit	01/13		



<i>FINANCIAL CORNER</i>		
CONTRIBUTIONS	December 2015	Year To Date 2015
Budget	34,891.00	418,692.00
To-date Actual		

2015 Giving Statements will be available at the Welcome Table beginning January 10th.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2
3 8:45am Word & Sacrament 9:45am Christian Formation 11:00am Word & Sacrament	4	5 9:30am PW Coordinating Team 7:00pm A.A.	6 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir	7 10:00am Jubilee Circle 2:00pm Agape Circle 5:50pm Employment Ministry Committee 7:00pm Employment Ministry 7:00pm Joy Circle	8	9 9:45am Oasis Food Pantry
10 8:45am Word & Sacrament 9:45am Christian Formation 11:00am Word & Sacrament 12:00pm Harmony Faith Family 12:20 The Journey	11 10:00am Prayer Shawl 7:00pm Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons	12 7:00pm A.A. 7:00pm Christian Marriage	13 7:15pm Choir	14 6:00pm Boy Scouts	15 6:30pm Movie Night	16 8:30am Men's Breakfast 12:00pm PW Quilts & Comfort
17 8:45am Word & Sacrament 9:45am Christian Formation 11:00am Word & Sacrament 12:20 The Journey	18 Martin Luther King Day Church Office Closed 7:00pm MME Committee	19 7:00pm A.A. 7:00pm Christian Marriage	20 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir	21 5:50pm Employment Ministry Committee 7:00pm Employment Ministry	22	23
24 8:45am Word & Sacrament 9:45am Christian Formation 11:00am Word & Sacrament 12:00pm Congregational Meeting 12:20 The Journey	25 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship	26 7:00pm A.A. 7:00pm Christian Marriage	27 7:15pm Choir	28	29	30
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